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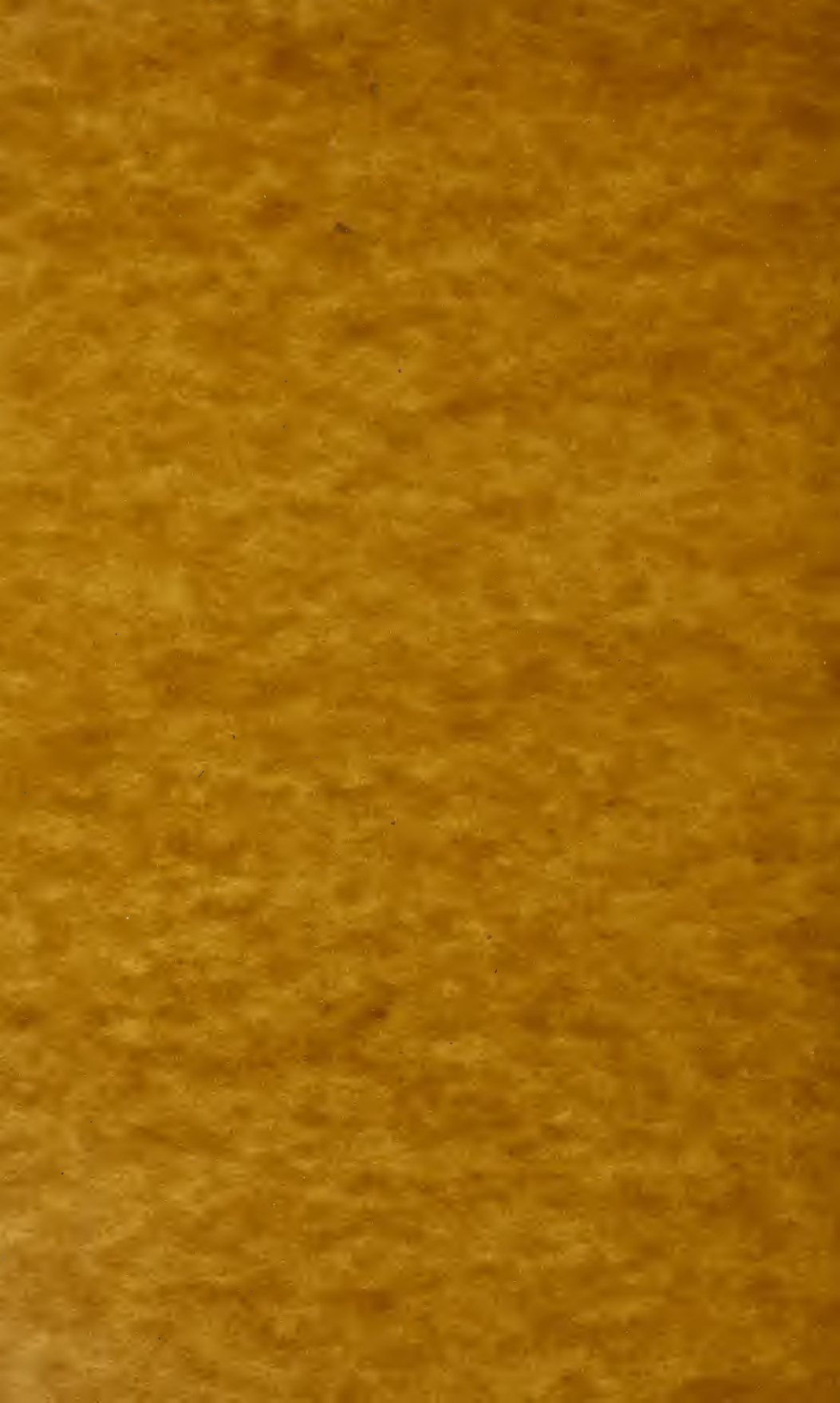


Carnegie Library



Annual Report





LIBRARY ASSOCIATION HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING. ELECTS OFFICERS. LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

The Library association met in annual session Monday afternoon and transacted regular business, including the receiving of the reports of the treasurer and librarian and the election of the following officers and directors for the year:

President, Cecil Horne; first vice-president, Mrs. J. D. Goldsmith; second vice-president, W. M. Odell, secretary, Miss Rebecca Royal; treasurer, O. L. Bishop.

Directors: Emmett Brown, Mrs. Ella Bounds, Mrs. V. M. Fulton.

Report of Librarian, Miss Rebecca Royal.

The following report was submitted:

To the Board of Directors:
I have the honor to submit the twelfth annual report of the Carnegie Public Library for the year ending March 31, 1917.

There have been added to the library during the year, 356 volumes. 219 bought, 137 given and 12 deposited by the Harmony club. One hundred and fifty-three volumes have been rebound and 398 mended in the library; 36 volumes have been lost and worn out. There are at present in the library 8188 volumes.

Seventy-six periodicals are received, 62 by subscription and 14 by gift, 628 periodicals were issued for home use during the year.

Twenty-one thousand, four hundred and sixty-five volumes have been loaned for home use, 14,377 to adults and 7,088 to children. Book lists of timely interest have been given place in the daily papers and have brought many requests for the books advertised. The library has been open 285 days during the year for loaning books, and for reading and reference 363 days.

The reference department has been strengthened by the purchase of the New International Encyclopedia and the gift from Mr. Mayers of the Catholic Encyclopedia, from Mr. Meredith of the Cyclopedia of Architecture, Carpentry and Building, and the deposit by the Harmony club of the University Musical Encyclopedia. The card index to the Southwestern Historical Quarterly undertaken by the History department of the high school has been completed to date, and the bound volumes of the quarterly gives ready access to much valuable material.

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The interest in oil indications brought many requests for material on mineral resources and government documents found appreciated recognition for a time. The use of the library by people from near-by towns and from the country is increasing. This use may serve as an awakening to the need of a county library. Many are taking advantage of the provision

made by the board that any one paying city tax may have free use of the library, others pay one dollar a year.

The hall has been used freely by the public for civic, educational and committee meetings besides many entertainments where large seating capacity is not required.

Story hour is continued with the help of several teachers of the public school and others interested in the work. Two of the ward schools now have story hours once a week conducted by teachers of the wards. Other wards contemplate taking up the work next year. Miss O'Reilly, primary supervisor, Miss Stout and Miss Gottselig have arranged monthly programs and assigned a story ~~hour~~ for each program. Attendance has averaged 25 children.

The book exhibit before the Christmas holidays suggesting books to purchase as presents for children met with encouragement and will be used next year.

Four hundred and ninety-one names have been registered during the year, 236 children, 88 men and 167 women. Five hundred and twenty-nine have been withdrawn, 118 children and 411 adults. There are at present 3445 names on the register.

Eighteen sections of double stack have been bought and six wall stacks of two sections each ordered for the children's department. Shelving for the bound newspaper files is much needed and the lighting, especially for the stock room, must be improved. A sanitary drinking fountain, and hat and umbrella racks would add much to the convenience of the public.

With commendation for efficient service of associates on the staff and thanks to the directors for co-operation and support,

Respectfully submitted,

REBACCA ROYALL,

Librarian.

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**Statistics for the Year Ending
March 31, 1917.**

Volumes in the library April 1, 1916	7868
Additions (bought 219, given 127)	356
Lost and worn out (Adults 24, children 12)	36
Volumes in the library April 1, 1917	8188
Rebound	153
Mended	398
Periodicals currently received sub. 62, gift 14)	76
Borrowers registered (children 236; men, 88; women 167)	491
Names withdrawn (children 118; adults 411)	529
Number of borrowers April 1, 1917	3445

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Loans for Home Use.

	Adults	Children	Total
Philosophy and religion	274	74	368
Sciences and arts	858	413	1271
History, brography and travel	477	489	966
Literature and language	792	243	1036
Legends and fairy tales		790	790
Periodicals	628		628
Fiction and child stories	11327	5079	16406
TOTAL	14377	7088	21465

Cash Report.

Balance April 1, 1916\$ 2.25

Receipts.

Fines\$25.76
 Subscriptions 9.50
 Total 86.56

Disbursements.

Books and perdcels ..\$25.95
 Express 6.85
 Stationary 7.30
 Grounds 7.60
 Miscellaneous 38.26
 Total \$85.96
 Balance 2.85

Phone and sewer rent ... 43.50
 Coal and ice 37.38
 Insurance 100.74
 Book stacks 200.00
 Repairs on building 299.25
 Incidentals 47.59

Total\$ 3893.99

Respectfully submitted,
 O. L. BISHOP,
 Treasurer.

CARNEGIE LIBRARY.

Cleburne, Texas.

To the Carnegie Public Library Board:

The undersigned, treasurer of the Library association, hereby submits for your approval, annual report for years endnig January 15, 1917, showing receipts and disbursements of all funds of said association for year as follows, to-wit:

Receipts.

March 4, 1916, voucher from city\$ 3000.00
 Nov. 14, 1916, money borrowed from bank..... 235.35
 Dec. 19, 1916, money borrowed from bank 310.00
 Jan. 15, 1917, overdraft to balance 260.14
 Hall rent 88.50

Total receipts\$ 3893.99

Disbursements.

Overdraft, last report\$ 216.67
 Payments notes to bank.. 682.55
 Salaries 1649.50
 Books and periodicals ... 461.01
 Water and lights 147.60
 Freight and drayage 8.20

The South Ward Parent-Teachers Association will hold a special meeting Wednesday, May 16th, at 3:30. Every member is urged to be present.

MRS. JOSEPH GERRARD,
 President.

Mrs. Edgar Menefee, Secretary.

R. ASH Very Low.

The condition of R. Ash who has been stricken with asthma of the heart is considered critical and his children away from here have been notified of his condition.



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